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To the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the JOINT COMMITTEE for the UNITED SANITARY DISTRICTS OF EAST BERKS.

GENTLEMEN,

This is the last Report—the thirty-third of the series—that I shall have the privilege of presenting to you as Medical Officer of Health for East Berks.

Time passes on, inevitably bringing many changes in its train, and it would be interesting as well as instructive at this juncture to refer to some of the outstanding changes that have taken place during my term of office, but present day circumstances put a limitation on such digressions. At all events, these thirty-odd Annual Reports place on record a steady improvement in the health and sanitary circumstances of the Districts, and that must suffice.

Such progress could not have been achieved without the loyal help of the Sanitary Inspectors and the sound backing of the respective Councils. That such has been afforded in so ample a measure for so long a period speaks well for the cordial relationship that has been a notable feature between Authority and Staff during the years under review.

The personnel of the respective Councils has changed many times in that period, but the tradition has remained the same. Still more remarkable is the fact that until a few years ago I worked with the original staff of Sanitary Inspectors without change until, like myself, they came to be placed on the retired list as a result of passing years. Only in the present year was the first link in that chain broken by the passing of Mr. Charles Yorke, of Bracknell, to whose memory and integrity I pay warm tribute.

For myself, a new and greater field of service has opened up in the form of an appointment under U.N.R.R.A. that will enable me to employ my accumulated skill and experience in helping to restore the devastated countries of the Near East, and with me I carry the cordial good wishes of my numerous friends and colleagues in East Berks and elsewhere.

With regard to the present Report, there is little that need be said. It is meagre in bulk as compared with some of its predecessors, but it *does* preserve the continuity of record, which, I feel sure, will be maintained and enhanced by the ability and vigour of my successor, Dr. W. Brodie Moore, of High Wycombe, who comes immediately into office.

In conclusion, I tender to you my grateful thanks for your kindness, courtesy and good wishes expressed in your parting gift to me and with a heartfelt " Fare ye well " I take my leave of East Berks.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

James J. Paterson.

Medical Officer of Health.

" The Wilderness,"
Cookham Road, Maidenhced.
(*Tel.* No. 549).

June, 1944.

East Berks United Sanitary Districts

CONSTITUTION OF THE DISTRICTS.

This has been described in previous Reports and need not be repeated. (See Report for 1941, page 4.)

At the meeting of the Joint Board held at Wokingham on 8th April, 1943, the Medical Officer of Health reported that as he would attain retiring age on the 31st January next, it would be necessary to re-appoint him for a further period, so that changes consequent upon his retirement could be discussed more appropriately at the annual meeting which would be held on approximately the same date next year. It was agreed that his appointment should be extended to 30th June, 1944.

The following accounts ranking as expenses of office were passed for payment :—

	£	s.	d.
Printing of Annual Report	54	0	0
General Printing and Stationery	23	0	8
M.O.H. Postages	12	6	6
M.O.H. Petty Cash	3	8	0
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	55	19	2
Total for 1943-44	£148	14	6
Corresponding Total for 1942-43	£108	7	5
,, ,, ,, 1941-42	£127	5	8
,, ,, ,, 1940-41	£120	2	5
,, ,, ,, 1939-40	£159	2	6
,, ,, ,, 1938-39	£142	7	1

Members of the Joint Committee

OF THE

East Berks United Sanitary Districts

for the Year 1944

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Lt.-Col. E. H. Sweet, C.M.G., D.S.O., Oaklands Farm, Crowthorne.

Clerk to the Joint Committee:

J. A. Baird, Esq., Guildhall, Maidenhead. (Tel. 2440.)

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health :

James J. Paterson, M.D. (Lond.), B.Sc., D.P.H. ; Member of the Royal College of Surgeons (Eng.) ; Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians (Lond.) ; Fellow of the Society of Medical Officer of Health. Date of appointment, 1st April, 1911.
Office : " The Wilderness," Cookham Road, Maidenhead.
Telephone : Maidenhead 549.

Sanitary Inspectors and Assistants :

Maidenhead U.D.

W. E. Harding (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert., Sanitary Inspector, from 1st April, 1910.
F. G. Bishop (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert., Additional Sanitary Inspector from 1st August, 1940.
Clerk : Miss W. Ellis, from 6th November, 1937.
Office : " The Wilderness," Cookham Road, Maidenhead.
Telephone : Maidenhead 549.

Wokingham U.D.

R. R. Hole (Cert.) R.S.I. Chartered Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, from 25th April, 1938.
A. Swan, (Cert.) R.S.I., Additional Sanitary Inspector from 1st April, 1941.
Two Clerical Assistants for combined office.
Office : Town Hall, Wokingham.
Telephone : Wokingham 323.

Cookham R.D.

F. K. Knowles, (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert., Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor, from 29th September, 1941.
Two Pupil Assistants.
Two Clerical Assistants : Mr. F. E. Found and Miss V. Bramson.
Office : " Oaklands," Bath Road, Maidenhead.
Telephone : Maidenhead 252.

EASTHAMPSTEAD R.D.

R. H. HEBBRON (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert., Sanitary Inspector, etc., from 1st November, 1941.

D. L. WILKINSON, (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert., Additional Sanitary Inspector from 1st December, 1942.

Clerk: Miss M. BISHOP, from 11th April, 1944.

Office: Council Offices, Church Road, Bracknell.

Telephone: Bracknell 500.

WINDSOR R.D.

W. H. ROWSELL (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert., Sanitary Inspector and Building Surveyor, from 1st April, 1937.

Address: Council Offices, Bowden Road, Sunninghill.

Telephone: Ascot 893.

WOKINGHAM R.D.

W. L. LONGHURST (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert., Sanitary Inspector, from 1st April, 1921.

D. EVANS (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert., Additional Sanitary Inspector, from 3rd March, 1937.

M. COTTRELL (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert., Additional Sanitary Inspector, from 15th January, 1941.

Clerk: Miss NANCY HALSEY, from 10th January, 1938.

Council Offices: Shute End, Wokingham.

Telephone: Wokingham 833/5.

Maidenhead Urban Sanitary District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	5,026
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1943...	6,811
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1944	£212,072
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£851
Outstanding Loans	£330,909

BIRTHS.

The number of births accredited to Maidenhead Urban District for the year 1943 are set out in the following Table.

	Live Births.		*Still Births.*	
	Male.	*Female.*	*Male.*	*Female.*
Legitimate	178	194	9	2
Illegitimate	23	29	0	0
Total	201	223	9	2

Total for 1943	424	+	11	=	435
Total for 1942	412	+	5	=	417

DEATHS.

From the statistics published by the Registrar-General the net number of deaths attributable to Maidenhead for the year 1943 is 327, comprising 167 males and 160 females. In the previous year the total number was 317 (156 males, 161 females). The causes of death are shown in the following Table.

Causes of Death in Maidenhead Urban District, 1943.

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	*Males.*	*Females.*
	ALL CAUSES	167	160
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	1
3.	Scarlet Fever	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	—	1
5.	Diphtheria	1	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	8	6
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	2
8.	Syphilitic diseases	1	—
9.	Influenza	6	6
10.	Measles	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	5	3
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	4	3
15.	Cancer of breast	—	7
16.	Cancer of all other sites	15	14
17.	Diabetes	2	1
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	12	19
19.	Heart Disease	54	49
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	2	7
21.	Bronchitis	9	10
22.	Pneumonia	6	5
23.	Other respiratory diseases	2	1
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	—	1
25.	Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	—	—
26.	Appendicitis	—	1
27.	Other digestive diseases	4	3
28.	Nephritis	9	—
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	—	1
30.	Other maternal causes	—	2
31.	Premature birth	3	2
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	3	3
33.	Suicide	—	—
34.	Road traffic accident	4	—
35.	Other violent causes	3	2
36.	All other causes	14	10

INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY.

This year, 18 infant deaths were recorded, 10 males and 8 females, of which 3 were illegitimate. In the previous year there were 20 and 17 in the year before that. Of these deaths 5 were due to Premature Birth and 6 to Congenital Defects, Injury at Births or Infant Diseases. There were no deaths from Diarrhoea in children under 2 years of age, but 2 in the previous year.

There were 3 deaths from Maternal Causes this year and none in the previous year.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

The Public Health Staff remains the same as described in the Report for 1939 at page 14.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

A full list of the Adoptive Acts, Bye-laws and Regulations in force in this District was given in the Report for 1938 at pages 38-40.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The facilities for the examination of morbid specimens—swabs, etc., remain the same as described in previous Annual Reports and are the same for all the Districts in the combination. The Tables that appear below give a summary of the work done under the heading during this past year.

Specimens sent by Medical Practitioners for examination and report to the Clinical Research Association, London :

Material.	*Positive.*	*Negative.*	*Total.*
Swabs for Diphtheria	1	48	69
Sputum for Tubercle	8	43	51
Blood for Typhoid	0	0	0
Other Specimens	2	14	16
	11	125	136

Swabs and other morbid specimens were sent from the Borough Isolation Hospital to the Clinical Research Association, London, for examination up to the end of September, 1940, and after that date to the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service, Oxford.

Frequent samples of the main public water supply are taken at the Water Works and tested for bacterial purity, all of which have proved uniform and satisfactory. Apart from excessive hardness no exception can be taken to the water supplied by the Company.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Two Motor Ambulances maintained by the Maidenhead Town Council are available for general and accident cases arising in the Borough of Maidenhead and the neighbouring Rural District of Cookham. In addition, supplementary Trailer Ambulances have been acquired for use in the event of air raids. There is a special ambulance attached to the Isolation Hospital for cases of infectious disease.

HOME NURSING.

Nursing in the home is carried out by the Maidenhead and District Nursing Association, 3-5, Castle Hill, Maidenhead (*Tel.* Maidenhead 651), a full account of which has been given in the corresponding paragraph of previous Reports.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

The following is a list of the Treatment Centres and Clinics now in operation in Maidenhead.

School Clinics.

Dental.—" The Wilderness " daily at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m., except Saturday.

Eye.—" The Wilderness " every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Minor Ailments.—" The Wilderness " at 9 a.m. every morning, including Saturday. Also at Alwyn Road School, 9—10 a.m. except Saturday.

Nose, Ear and Throat.—Maidenhead Hospital (suspended for the duration). Operative Clinics are held as required.

Orthoptic (Squint) Clinic.—At " The Wilderness " on Thursdays, 9 a.m.

Speech and Breathing Clinic.—At Alwyn Road, Boyn Hill and Ellington Schools, Mondays and Thursdays. Mornings 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon, afternoons 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Also at " The Wilderness " on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic.—At " The Wilderness " first Saturday of every month at 10 a.m.

Child Guidance Clinic.—At " St. Ives," Park Street entrance.

Psychiatrci Sessions.—(Dr. Grace Calver until September, 1943, Dr. Laura Hutton from September, 1943) Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mental Test Sessions.—(Miss S. Harnett) Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Play Therapy Sessions.—(Miss S. Harnett) Tuesday and Thursday, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Psychiatric Social Worker.—(Miss M. Browne) Outdoor work and attendance at Clinic.

Special Aural, etc., Clinic (for Evacuees).—Dr. A. G. Wells, at " The Wilderness " Mondays at 2 p.m.

Special Dental Clinic (for Evacuees).—Mr. S. B. Newton, at " The Wilderness " Thursdays and alternate Tuesdays from 10.30 a.m.

OTHER CLINICS.

Ante- and Post-Natal Clinic in connection with the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 2 p.m., in " The Wilderness," Cookham Road. Dr. E. Mary Bell in attendance.

Orthopaedic Clinic in connection with the Wingfield-Morris Orthopædic Hospital, Headington, Oxford, in the Out-Patient Department of the Maidenhead Hospital, on Fridays at 2 p.m. On every third Friday of the month W. B. Foley, F.R.C.S., is in attendance for consultation.

Tuberculosis Clinic in connection with the County Tuberculosis Scheme at " The Wilderness," Cookham Road, Maidenhead, on the fourth Monday of every month at 1.30 p.m. Dr. D. Kemp, Asst. County Tuberculosis Officer in attendance.

In addition to the above, the following residential treatment institutions have been opened on account of war-time conditions :

Aldingham House, Shoppenhangers Road, Maidenhead, for Minor Infectious Diseases and similar ailments. Matron-in-charge : Sister Percy (*Tel.* Maidenhead 1513).

Craufurd Sick Bay, 24, Craufurd Rise, Maidenhead, for contagious diseases of the skin. Matron-in-charge : Sister Clarke (*Tel.* M'head. 2110).

Redriff Hostel, Boyn Hill, Maidenhead, for " behaviour " children, in connection with the local Child Guidance Clinic. Mr. and Mrs. Winslade, Master and Matron-in-charge (*Tel.* M'hd. 2412) ; also

Downfield Hostel, Bath Road, Maidenhead (boys only), Mr. and Mrs. Carnell, Master and Matron-in-charge (*Tel.* M'hd. 1858).

HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES.

Details of the Hospitals and Nursing Homes in this neighbourhood will be found in the Report for 1938 (pp. 44-49). The chief are : Maidenhead General Hospital (56 beds) ; the Emergency Hospital (90 beds) ; the Isolation Hospital (54 beds) ; Maidenhead and District Maternity Home (7 beds) ; Maidenhead Nursing Home (12 beds) ; Wayside Nursing Home (14 beds) ; also Aldingham House, Shoppenhanger Road, Maidenhead (*Tel.* Maidenhead 1513), for minor infectious diseases.

The Maidenhead Borough Isolation Hospital serves the East Berks Districts and also the Borough of Windsor. Details of Staff, etc., were given in the Report for 1939 at pages 19-20.

MAIDENHEAD BOROUGH ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

Admissions during the Year 1943.

Districts.	*Scarlet Fever.*	*Diphtheria.*	*Other Cases.*	*Total.*
Maidenhead U.D.	115	7	11	133
Wokingham U.D.	31	2	2	35
Cookham R.D.	36	2	10	48
Easthampstead R.D. ...	41	0	2	43
Windsor R.D.	17	3	7	27
Wokingham R.D.	82	7	4	93
*Windsor U.D.	24	5	29	58
Total, 1943	346	26	65	437
,, 1942	194	43	44	281
,, 1941	197	107	85	389

* Including the following cases transferred from King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor :

Scarlet Fever.	*Diphtheria.*	*Other Cases.*	*Total.*
5	0	3	8

Expenditure for the Year ended 31st March, 1943.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages—						
Medical Superintendent	159	0	0			
Nursing and Staff (including dress allowances)	1470	10	8			
Porters, Gardeners, Cleaners	680	17	6			
				2310	8	2
Superannuation—						
Employers' Contributions, Annual Charge And Expenses	116	1	7			
National Insurance : Employers' Contribution	35	1	4			
				151	2	11
Medical Attendance				22	4	4
Treatment in other Hospitals				25	1	5
Analysis Fees				121	1	0
Drugs, Medicines and Appliances				285	17	0
Provisions				1021	1	8
Ambulance : Maintenance				205	3	11

Miscellaneous—						
Clothing, Bedding, etc.		—				
Laundry	107	3	8			
Disinfectants	13	14	9			
Printing, Stationery, etc.	27	2	4			
Telephones	20	18	3			
				168	19	0
Buildings and Grounds, etc.—						
Repairs and Maintenance	122	8	11			
Rates, Taxes and Insurance	223	19	1			
Fuel, Light and Cleaning Materials ...	740	3	8			
Furniture and Ironmongery	51	11	1			
Depot and Establishment Charges ...	55	0	2			
War Damage Contribution and Insurance	64	0	0			
				1257	3	5
				5568	2	10
Loan Charges—						
Principal	660	18	1			
Interest	503	8	6			
				1164	6	7
				£6732	9	5

Total for 1942	£7395	17	2
,, 1941	£6574	10	4
,, 1940	£6576	16	1
,, 1939	£5962	9	6

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICE.

(i) The Berks County Council is the Local Supervising Authority for Midwives. Apart from midwives attached to Institutions there is only one private midwive in active practice in the Borough.

(ii) The Maternity Service of the Local Authority include a Welfare Centre conducted by Dr. E. Mary Bell at "The Wilderness," Cookham Road, an Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinic conducted at "The Wilderness"; there is also a Municipal scheme by which all non-insured expectant mothers are examined by their own doctor as frequently as need be. The details of this latter scheme, which includes post- natal as well as ante-natal examinations, have appeared in previous Reports (*see* Report 1938, page 25).

(iii) Institutional Provision for Mothers and Children is provided by various local agencies, an account of which will be found in the Report for 1938 at pages 51-52.

(iv) Health Visiting, together with the work connected with the School Medical Service, is undertaken by three whole-time qualified nurses, with the help of a Clinic Assistant.

(v) Child Life Protection and the duties connected therewith is undertaken by the Health Visitors, as described in the Report for 1938 at page 53.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply of this District has been described in detail in previous Reports (*see* Report 1938, page 55). In regard to both quantity and quality this supply maintains a high standard. Frequent samples are taken for bacteriological analysis (about twice a week) and these have proved uniformly satisfactory during the past year.

The Company, which is a private one, derives its powers from an Act of 1875, and several subsequent Provisional Orders. The area of distribution covers the Borough of Maidenhead and practically the whole of the surrounding Rural District of Cookham.

Emergency Water Supplies.

Four samples of water have been taken from privately owned wells and submitted for chemical analysis and bacteriological examination. The reports indicated that the water in every case is fit for drinking and arrangements have been made for water from these wells to be available for distribution to the public in the event of an emergency.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Work on the Main Drainage Extension Scheme has continued throughout the year, but at a progressively slower rate owing to increasing labour difficulties. Although certain incidental works still remain to be done, the whole of the new sewers, pumping stations and Disposal Works are now in use. As yet it has not been possible to subject the new Disposal Works to their fully designed load, but it is hoped that it will be possible to do this during the coming summer. Nearly half of the houses previously drained to cesspools but which now have main drainage facilities available, have been connected to the new sewers and further connections are being made as fast as supply of labour and materials will

permit. Already a substantial reduction has been made in the number of cesspools which have to be emptied by the Council's motor vacuum emptying machines, as a result of which the number of these machines in service has been reduced from three to two.

Negotiations with the Ministry of Health on the difficulties arising in the area subject to flood have been proceeding, and it is probable that some modification of the pumping arrangements will be made after the war. The desirability of still further restricting building development on land liable to flood because of the drainage difficulties, is being considered in connection with the Town Planning Scheme, now in course of preparation.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Collection of House Refuse.

This Service remains the same as described in last year's Report on page 16.

Disposal of Refuse.

The Council continues to dispose of its house refuse by composting with crude sewage sludge, by contract with Agricultural Contractors Limited. Negotiations are proceeding for the renewal of the contract which expired in 1943, in substantially the same form. The process has been the subject of research work at Reading University under the ægis of the Agricultural Research Council. The results of the research work are not yet available.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Following is the Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year ended 31st December, 1943.

Public Health Department,
" The Wilderness,"
Cookham Road, Maidenhead.
January, 1944.

To J. J. Paterson, Esq., M.D., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health.

Dear Sir,

I present herewith my Report for the year ended 31st December, 1943, and as this is the last Report I shall have the honour of presenting to you before your retirement, I wish to take the opportunity of thanking

you for the kindly help and advice that you have at all times extended to me during the 33 years that we have been associated, and to express the hope that you will be spared for many years to enjoy the benefit of the rest you have so richly earned.

The following summary does not include notices served and work carried out in connection with the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, the Amendment Regulations, 1932, and the Housing Act, 1936, for which see Special Report at the end.

SUMMARY.

Visits and Re-visits to premises	5,791
Number of Formal Notices served	46
,, ,, Informal Notices served	464
,, ,, Notices complied with	397
Complaints received and attended to	140
Drains tested with water	21
Drains passed after examination (sewer connections, etc.) ...	11
Legal Proceedings	2
Nature and Number of Nuisances dealt with :	
Animals improperly kept	10
Choked drains	82
Damp premises	23
Defective and insufficient cesspools	19
,, Chimney-stacks	6
,, Drains	21
,, Foul and choked W.C. pans	29
,, and insufficient inspection chambers	4
,, Eaves, gutters and stackpipes	20
,, Floors	13
,, Flushing cisterns	31
,, Grates and coppers	15
,, Lavatory basins and sinks	3
,, Plaster (walls and ceilings)	34
,, Soil and ventilating pipes	7
,, Water service pipes	7
,, Windows, skylights and doors	13
Dirty walls and ceilings	5
,, Tenants	3
,, Water-closet chambers	3
Foul and defective waste pipes	14

Insufficient Light to rooms	3
,, Refuse receptacles	123
,, Ventilation to rooms	2
Leaky roofs and fillets	44
Offensive accumulations	14
Urinals improperly kept	1
Miscellaneous	37
Notification to Water Co., *re* waste of water	16
Public and private Library books disinfected	224
Rooms disinfected after—	
Cancer	8
Diphtheria	11
Measles	2
Scarlet Fever	259
Tuberculosis	27
Other causes	64
School Exclusion Notices sent	243
Verminous Rooms disinfected	81
Wasps Nests destroyed	6

List of Articles Steam Disinfected at the Isolation Hoslital.

Articles of Bedding ...	342	Rugs	40
Blankets	2461	Cushions	11
Bolsters and Pillows ...	527	Drums of Dressing ...	9
Bundles of Bedding ...	1	Mattresses	420
Clothing (bundles) ...	59	Miscellaneous ...	135
,, (articles) ...	943		

Bakehouses.

No. on Register	21
No. of Inspections	40
Contraventions of Factories Act discovered and remedied ...	8
,, ,, Public Health Acts discovered and remedied	1

Cinemas.

No. of Premises	2	Nuisances discovered	6
No. of Inspections ...	18	Nuisances remedied ...	6

Common Lodging House.

No. on Register	1
No. of Inspections	4
Contraventions of Bye-Laws discovered and remedied ...	1

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.

Number on Register—	
Wholesale producers	6
Retail producers	3
Retail purveyors	16
Retailers (Milkshops, etc.)	8

Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936.

Dealer's Bottling Licence—Tuberculin Tested Milk	2
Distributor's Licence to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	3
Licence to Pasteurise Milk	1
Supplementary Licence to sell Parteurised Milk (renewed) ...	1
Contraventions of the above Order discovered	*Nil*
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—	
Discovered	5
Remedied	4
Contraventions of Public Health Acts—	
Discovered and remedied	2
Number of Inspections	71

Factories.

No. on Register—	
Factories with mechanical power	105
,, without mechanical power	107
No. of Inspections :	
Factories with mechanical power	139
,, without mechanical power	31

	Defects Discovered.	*Defects Remedied.*
Want of cleanliness	*Nil*	—
Overcrowding	*Nil*	—
Unreasonable temperature	*Nil*	—
Inadequate ventilation	*Nil*	—
,, means of secape in case of fire ...	4	3
Sanitary Conveniences insufficient	1	*Nil*
,, ,, unsuitable or defective ...	11	10
,, ,, not separate for the sexes	1	*Nil*
Other offences	5	5
Means of escape in case or fire, provided and Certificates granted		5

Food Premises.

No. of Inspections	1146
Contraventions	13

Knacker's Yard.

Visits for Inspection	36

The yard has been effectually screened with corrugated iron fencing, and the yard surface asphalted.

CENTRAL SLAUGHTER HOUSE.

The following is a summary of the animals slaughtered and the meat condemned and surrendered as being unfit for human consumption.

Animals Slaughtered.

Beasts	977	Pigs	60
Calves	1,201	Sheep	5,146

If on post-mortem examination any calf is found to be affected with tuberculosis, notification is sent to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, Animal Health Division.

UNSOUND FOOD.

The undermentioned foodstuffs were condemned and surrendered, after being examined and found to be unfit for human consumption.

Meat.

Carcases and parts of Carcases :	*Tuberculosis.*	*Other causes.*	*Total Weight.*
Beasts	17,710lbs.	1,563lbs.	19,273lbs.
Calves	160lbs.	368lbs.	528lbs.
Sheep	—	752lbs.	752lbs.
Pigs	415lbs.	658lbs.	1,073lbs.
Offal :			
Beasts	6,004lbs.	3,663lbs.	9,667lbs.
Calves	44lbs.	18lbs.	62lbs.
Sheep	—	966lbs.	966lbs.
Pigs	30lbs.	58lbs.	88lbs.
Grand Total			32,409lbs.

Equals 14 tons 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12lbs.

Other Foods.

Bacon	11½lbs.	Cakes	6
Biscuits	5½lbs.	Chocolate	4 bars.
Brawn	18 lbs.	Eggs	726
Bread	2 lbs.	Fish Cakes	551
Brussels Sprouts ...	220 lbs.	Milk	24 galls.
Butter	2 lbs.	Potato Cakes ...	200
Cheese	76 lbs.	Various Foods	1,706 tins.
Cress	72 bls.	,, ,, ...	451 pkts.
Dried Figs	18 lbs.	,, ,, ...	77 jars.
Egg Substitute ...	28 lbs.	,, ,, ...	5 bottles.
Fish	4,408 lbs.		
Flour	255½lbs.		
Margarine	9½lbs.		
Meat...	410½lbs.		
Milk Powder ...	20 lbs.		
Porridge Oats ...	18½lbs.		
Poultry	301 lbs.		
Potatoes	1,456 lbs.		
Rabbits	490 lbs.		
Rice	556 lbs.		
Sausages	288 lbs.		
Tomatoes	52½lbs.		
	8,718½lbs.	*tons.* *cwts.* *qrs.* *lbs.* (3 17 3 10½)	

Food Decontamination.

Exercises have been continued on the site equipped for food decontamination, and efforts are still being made to increase the effective personnel, which is at present 10, to the unit establishment of 16, but so far without success.

Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919.

Three hundred and fifty applications were received for advice in baiting and ridding premises of rats and mice and, as in previous years, every effort was made to co-operate with the occupiers in ridding their premises of rodents, and where necessary rat-proofing was advised.

Rodent Control.

In accordance with instructions received from the Ministry of Food, a Survey of the whole Borough was made so that an estimate could be

formed of the rodent population, which revealed that no major infestation existed, but widespread minor infestation.

Two men were engaged for the purpose, and on completion of the Survey, a plan and detailed report were submitted to the Ministry. These men were afterwards trained as rodent operators and are at present employed on the extermination of rats and mice.

Shop Premises.

Number of Shops on Register	629
Number of Inspections	217
Contraventions of Emergency Powers (Defence) General Regulations	3
,, ,, Public Health Acts discovered	6
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, remedied	6

Shops Act, 1934.

Contraventions discovered and remedied :

Lack of sufficient sanitary conveniences	2

(*Signed*) W. E. HARDING,
Sanitary Inspector.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*

(1) (*a*) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	276
Number of inspections made for the purpose	299
(2) (*a*) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932	1
(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose	2

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 1

(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 122

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 89

3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*

A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 3

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :

(*a*) By Owners 1

(*b*) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... ... *Nil*

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 10

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :

(*a*) By Owners 10

(*b*) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... ... *Nil*

C. *Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ... *Nil*

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ... *Nil*

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

As a result of a temporary increase in population a number of cases of overcrowding arose, but by rearrangement of accommodation the more serious cases were abated.

In some instances, where the number of persons in a house was only slightly in excess of the permitted number, action has been deferred until the general congestion of accommodation is relieved.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Immunisation.

A Clinic is held at "The Wilderness" on the first Saturday of the month for immunising children against Diphtheria. During 1943, 501 children received the full course of treatment and the total number of children immunised since 1940, including those done at the schools, is 3,765.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below :—

Table I.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year 1943.
(*other than Tuberculosis.*)

Disease.	*Total cases notified.*	*Cases admitted Hospital.*	*Deaths of notified cases.*
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	0	0	0
Diphtheria	7 (1)	7	2
Dysentery	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers)	1 (1)	0	0
Erysipelas	1	1	0
Measles	220 (8)	3	0
Malaria	0	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	0
Pneumonia	5	0	0
Polio-encephalitis	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	162	115	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	31	1	1

Brackets ( ) indicate cases that occurred in institutions and hospitals ; they are included in the totals given.

Table II.

Age in Years of Notified Cases, 1943.

Disease.	*Years*	*0–*	*1–*	*2–*	*3–*	*4–*	*5–*	*10–*	*15–*	*20–*	*35–*	*45–*	*65+*
Diphtheria ...	...	–	1	–	1	–	4	1	–	–	–	–	–
Measles ...	...	5	5	19	27	29	106	25	4	5	1	–	–
Pneumonia ...	...	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	3	–	1
Scarlet Fever	...	–	2	11	7	15	78	34	6	5	3	1	–
Whooping Cough	...	4	5	3	3	2	14	–	–	–	–	–	–
Enteric Fever	...	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Erysipelas ...	...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–

Table III.

List of Infectious Diseases for the Five Years, 1939-1943.

Disease.	*1939.*	*1940.*	*1941.*	*1942.*	*1943.*
Cerebro-spinal Fever	1	10	4	2	0
Diphtheria	51	30	70	15	7
Dysentery	1	0	1	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	2	5	1	0	1
Erysipelas	4	8	4	0	1
Malaria	0	0	0	0	0
*Measles	0	266	167	21	220
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	10	13	5	7	5
Polio-encephalitis	0	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	0	0	22	1	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	4	5	7	0
Scarlet Fever	20	39	40	67	162
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough*	2	1	46	2	31

* *Not notifiable until October, 1939.*

TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment) or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patient to institution). These requirements are now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease, whether the cases have been notified or not, during the current year are set out in the table below :—

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		*Non-Pul'y.*		*Pulmonary.*		*Non-Pul'y.*	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
1— 5 years ...	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–
5—15 ,, ...	2	–	1	1	–	–	–	–
15—25 ,, ...	5	5	–	1	–	2	–	–
25—35 ,, ...	3	3	–	–	–	3	–	–
35—45 ,, ...	7	1	1	1	2	1	–	1
45—55 ,, ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
55—65 ,, ...	5	–	–	–	3	–	–	–
65 and over ...	1	–	–	–	4	–	–	–
Totals ...	23	9	3	3	9	6	–	1

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—3 out of 16=18.75%.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	3,404
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1943...	2,346
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1944	£56,727
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£230
Outstanding Loans, 1st April, 1944—Housing	£30,655
All Other	£60,797

BIRTHS.

The number of births accredited to this District for the year 1943 are set out in the Table below.

	Live Births.		*Still Births.*		
	Male.	*Female.*	*Male.*	*Female.*	
Legitimate	51	56	2	2	
Illegitimate	7	7	0	0	
Total	58	63	2	2	
Total for 1943	121	+	4	=	125
Total for 1942	140	+	7	=	147

DEATHS.

The net number of deaths attributable to this District for the year 1943 is 122 including 50 males and 72 females., In the preceding year the numbers were respectively, total 135 (males 64, females 71).

The causes of death are shown in the following Table.

Causes of Death in Wokingham Urban District, 1943.

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	*Males.*	*Females.*
	All Causes	50	72
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	1
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	3	2
8.	Syphilitic diseases	—	—
9.	Influenza	—	3
10.	Measles	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	1	2
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	3	1
15.	Cancer of breast	—	1
16.	Cancer of all other sites	6	3
17.	Diabetes	—	1
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	5	9
19.	Heart Disease	14	16
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	—	1
21.	Bronchitis	3	2
22.	Pneumonia	—	1
23.	Other respiratory diseases	2	1
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	—
25.	Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	—	1
26.	Appendicitis	—	1
27.	Other digestive diseases	1	3
28.	Nephritis	—	1
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	—	—
31.	Premature birth	—	1
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	—	—
33.	Suicide	2	1
34.	Road traffic accident	—	—
35.	Other violent causes	—	2
36.	All other causes	8	18

INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY.

The good record for this Borough is still maintained for there were only 2 infant deaths (none illegitimate), as against 3 and 4 respectively for the previous two years. There was, however, one death from Diarrhœa in a child under 2 years of age, as was the case in 1942 ; there were no Maternal deaths and only one in the previous year.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

The Sanitary Staff remains the same as described at page 40 in the Report for 1940.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

A full list of the Adoptive Acts, Bye-Laws, etc., in force in the Borough was given in the Report for 1938, at page 87.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

From the 1st January, 1941, this work has been undertaken by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service., School of Pathology, South Parks Road, Oxford (*Tel.* Oxford 47884/5).

Under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, samples of milk are taken by the Police, and of other food stuffs and drugs by Inspectors of the County Weights and Measures Department.

The following specimens have been examined in 1943 :

Material.	*Positive.*	*Negative.*	*Total.*
Swabs for Diphtheria	0	8	8
Sputum for Tubercle, Blood for Typhoid and other Specimens	4	1	5
	4	9	13

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

These is a St. John Ambulance operating in the District which is in charge of Dr. Smith (Wokingham), who is Divisional Surgeon for the Brigade. It is manned by different volunteer drivers and nurses each day, the women workers being organised by Miss Grenside. The Ambulance is kept at the Ambulance Station, Goodchild Road, Wokingham. (*Tel.* Wokingham 427.)

HOME NURSING, TREATMENT CLINICS, HOSPITALS, ETC.

These facilities, which are adequate for the immediate needs of the District, remain the same as described in the Report for 1938, at pages 88-90.

WATER SUPPLY.
DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.
CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

These matters remain substantially the same as recorded in the Report for 1940 (page 42).

During the year the Mid-Wessex Water Company has completed the construction of the new Pumping Station at Beenham's Heath and progress has been made with the construction of the water softening plant, which, it is hoped, will be put into operation in a few weeks time.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Wet Scavenging.

The Council possesses a motor-vacuum cesspool emptier for the clearance of cesspools, the contents being disposed of by discharge into a convenient manhole in the sewerage system. Cesspools are emptied monthly without charge where no public sewer is available, but additional clearances and the emptying of cesspools upon premises within one hundred feet of a sewer are charged for.

The figures for 1943 are: Number of cesspool emptyings, 893; total quantity removed, 734,100 gallons; average quantity removed from each cesspool, 822 gallons.

The number of Cesspools in use has been gradually reduced from 645 in 1930 to 192 in 1942 (see Report for that year, page 32). There has been no further reduction since then.

Dry Scavenging.

Collection of house refuse is carried out weekly by an S.D. refuse vehicle. Trade refuse is collected by the same vehicle by special arrangement with the trader.

Unusable refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at Tan House Meadow. Salvage is collected from all premises and is sorted at the Council's Barkham Road Depot. Waste food is deposited by householders in street bins, which are cleared three times per week, and the swill is fed to pigs at the Council's pig farm.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

The following is the Sanitary Inspector's Report for the year ended 31st December, 1943.

Town Hall, Wokingham.

To Dr. J. J. Paterson,

Medical Officer of Health.

The following premises used in connection with the preparation or sale of foods are licensed or registered in the Borough :—

Dairies, Cowsheds or Milkshops	22
Bakehouses	11

All these premises were regularly inspected and were found to be, in the main, well conducted.

The following tabular statement shows the number and nature of inspections carried out, with the result of such inspections :—

Number of premises inspected	384
,, ,, inspections and re-inspections	1379
,, ,, complaints received and investigated	34
,, ,, nuisances discovered as results of complaints	24
,, ,, Notices served :	
Informal	27
Statutory	0
Prosecutions	0
,, ,, premises on which nuisances were abated	46

Nature and Number of Nuisances abated :

As to drains and cesspools, water closets, sinks, etc.	31
,, ,, drains connected to sewer	2
,, ,, Animals kept so as to be a nuisance	1
,, ,, other Nuisances	41
Number of inspections of factories	26
,, ,, defects found and remedied	3
,, ,, inspections of bakehouses	34
,, ,, defects found and remedied	7
,, ,, houses fumigated	12

A copy of Statement of Rainfall at Wokingham in 1943 is appended.

(*Signed*) ROLAND R. HOLE,

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

RAINFALL AT WOKINGHAM IN 1943.

Month	*Depth in inches*	*Greatest fall in 24 hours. Depth in inches*	*Date*	*No. of days with*	
				.01 or more ins.	*.04 or more ins.*
January ...	4.29	.70	13th	20	17
February	1.02	.30	8th	8	7
March ...	.37	.28	24th	4	3
April ...	1.16	.36	23rd	10	9
May ...	1.71	.49	10th	7	7
June ...	1.22	.29	15th	8	7
July ...	1.71	.50	20th	10	7
August ...	1.76	.44	20th	13	12
September	1.36	.28	9th	11	8
October ...	2.99	.76	20th	13	11
November	1.21	.20	14th	13	12
December	1.40	.79	18th	7	4
	20.20			124	104

COMPARABLE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

Year.	*Total Rainfall in inches.*	*Number of days with .01″ or more.*
1942	21.81	124
1941	25.84	135
1940	24.65	141
1939	24.67	159
1938	19.05	137
Average for 43 years ...	25.87	169.97

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

Twelve inspections were made under the provisions of the Shops Acts, 1934. Two contraventions were discovered and have since been remedied.

CAMPING SITES.

There are at present no sites in the Borough licensed as Camping Sites under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No action is called for in this District in regard to Smoke Abatement under the Act of 1926.

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS.

A description of the excellent (privately owned) Swimming Baths and Children's Pool was given in the corresponding paragraph in the Report for 1937, at page 95. The same amenities and facilities were available during the year under review.

SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

Conditions to which attention should be given when the war emergency is over, were included in the corresponding paragraph of the Report for 1940.

HOUSING.

Inspection of dwelling houses has been carried on as far as possible, and essential repairs insisted upon by informal action.

The number of houses at present owned by the Borough Council is 79.

Number of houses erected during the year 1941—

(*a*) Total (including numbers given separately under (*b*)) ... *Nil*

(*b*) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :

(1) By the Local Authority ... ... *Nil*

(2) By other bodies or persons ... ... *Nil*

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*

(1) (*a*) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 52

Number of inspections made for the purpose 327

(2) (*a*) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ... ... *Nil*

(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ... *Nil*

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 20

(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 22

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers... 17

3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—* *None taken*

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding :—* *No action*

DISINFESTATION.

Disinfestation was carried out at 25 dwellings during the course of the year.

Materials used were "Cimex" blocks and "Zaldecide" for the application of which two special sprays were obtained.

In all cases, repairs of an essential nature were carried out by the Owners of the properties and fumigation was carried out by Council employees before, during and after such repairs.

A letter from the M.O.H. was sent to all owners and occupiers of infested property drawing attention to their responsibilities and a marked improvement took place.

There were a considerable number of other properties which it was not found possible to treat during the year and although complaints of these pests ceased with the advent of the cold weather, it is anticipated that considerably more properties will be requiring attention during the forthcoming year.

MILK SUPPLY.

The position with regard to Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops is shown in the following tabular statement.

Number on Register :

Wholesale Producers	8
Retail Producers	4
Retail Purveyors	10

	Tuberculin Tested.	*Accredited.*	*Pasteurised.*
No. of Producers licensed	2	4	—
,, ,, Retailers	6	1	1
,, ,, Registered Dairy Farms			12
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 :			
Discovered			6
Remedied			8
Contraventions of Public Health Acts :			
Discovered			*Nil*
Remedied			*Nil*
Number of Inspections			31

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

No licences were issued in respect of the five slaughterhouses in the Borough, general slaughtering being now carried out at Ministry of Food Regional establishments.

Periodic visits have been made to butchers' shops and all " cottagers' pigs " slaughtered under licence issued by the Ministry of Food have been inspected.

Fish stores are clean and well kept.

The 11 bakehouses in the Borough are all well kept and regularly lime-washed. It was not necessary to serve any formal notice with regard to food premises.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year the number or children immunised against Diphtheria was 219. Previous to 1943 there had been 1162 immunisations carried out, making a grand total of 1381.

The following tables set out the main particulars in relation to the notifiable infectious diseases for the year 1943.

Table I.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year, 1943.
(*other than Tuberculosis.*)

Disease.	*Total cases notified.*	*Cases admitted to Hospital.*	*Deaths of notified cases.*
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	1	1	0
Diphtheria	3	3	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Erysipelas	0	0	0
Malaria	0	0	0
Measles	4 (3)	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	0	0
Pneumonia	1	0	0
Polio-myelitis...	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	3 (1)	1	0
Scarlet Fever	41 (6)	31	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0

Table II.

Age in Years of Notified Cases, 1943.

Disease.	*Years 0–*	*1–*	*2–*	*3–*	*4–*	*5–*	*10–*	*15–*	*20–*	*35–*	*45–*	*65+*
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
Diphtheria	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–
Measles	–	1	–	1	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pneumonia	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	2	–	–	–
Scarlet Fever	–	–	–	4	2	19	12	–	4	–	–	–

Table III.

List of Infectious Diseases for the Five Years, 1939-43.

	1939	*1940*	*1941*	*1942*	*1943*
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	2	2	0	1
Diphtheria	27	10	6	0	3
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	1	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas	3	9	6	1	0
Malaria	0	0	0	0	0
Measles*	0	236	93	8	4
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	2	0	1
Pneumonia	3	7	4	3	1
Polio-myelitis	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	2	0	3
Scarlet Fever	2	21	6	3	41
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough*	0	2	21	2	0

* *Not nofifiable until October, 1939.*

TUBERCULOSIS.

Tuberculosis Table.

Age Periods.	New Cases. *Pulmonary.*		New Cases. *Non-Pul'y.*		Deaths. *Pulmonary.*		Deaths. *Non-Pul'y.*	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–
1— 5 years ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–
5—15 ,, ...	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–
15—25 ,, ...	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
25—35 ,, ...	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–
35—45 ,, ...	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
45—55 ,, ...	1	1	–	–	1	–	–	–
55—65 ,, ...	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
65 and over ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Totals ...	4	4	1	–	2	1	2	–

Percentage of non-notifiable cases amongst total fatal cases—2 out of 5=40%.

Cookham
Rural Sanitary District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	24,901
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1943	3,570
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1944	£101,483
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£397
Outstanding Loans—Housing	£90,527
General	£3,060

BIRTHS.

The number of Births accredited to this District for the year 1943 are set out in the following Table.

	Live Births.		*Still Births.*	
	Male.	*Female.*	*Male.*	*Female.*
Legitimate	97	97	1	0
Illegitimate	5	8	0	1
Totals	102	105	1	1
Total for 1943	207 +	2 =	209	
Total for 1942	200 +	3 =	203	

DEATHS.

From the return of the Registrar-General it appears that the net number of deaths attributable to this District for the year 1943 is 121, comprising 58 males and 63 females. In the previous year the number was somewhat more, namely, 156 (77 males, 79 females). The causes of death are set out in the following Table.

Causes of Death in Cookham Rural District, 1943.

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	*Males.*	*Females.*
	ALL CAUSES	58	63
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	4	—
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	2
8.	Syphilitic diseases	—	1
9.	Influenza	2	3
10.	Measles	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	—	—
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	—	1
15.	Cancer of breast	—	4
16.	Cancer of all other sites	5	4
17.	Diabetes	—	2
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	8	9
19.	Heart Disease	15	25
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	1	—
21.	Bronchitis	7	2
22.	Pneumonia	1	1
23.	Other respiratory diseases	—	—
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	—	—
25.	Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	1	—
26.	Appendicitis	—	1
27.	Other digestive diseases	—	1
28.	Nephritis	2	2
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	—	—
31.	Premature birth	—	—
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	2	—
33.	Suicide	1	—
34.	Road traffic accident	2	1
35.	Other violent causes	—	2
36.	All other causes	7	2

INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There were 4 deaths amongst children under one year of age as against 9 in the prveious year. Three of these were males and 1 female. The chief cause of these deaths was Congenital Deformity, Birth Injury or Infantile Disease, 1. There was also 1 death of a child under 2 years of age from Diarrhœa and 2 from this cause in the previous year. Again this year there was no Maternal deaths.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

The staff remains as recorded in the Report for the previous year. Mr. F. K. Knowles continues as Sanitary Inspector, Building Surveyor, Superintendent of Scavenging and Salvage, etc., as before, with a certain amount of office assistance.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

The Adoption Acts, Byelaws, etc., in force in this District remain the same as recorded in the Report for 1938, pp. 113-114.

LABORATORY WORK.

Swabs and other morbid specimens examined by the Clinical Research Association, London, on behalf of medical practitioners in the neighbourhood, comprised the following :—

Material.	*Positive.*	*Negative.*	*Total.*
Swabs for Diphtheria	1	20	21
Sputum for Tubercle	0	2	2
Blood for Typhoid	0	0	0
Other Specimens	0	0	0
	1	22	23

Official samples of Milk are taken by the Police and samples of other Foods and Drugs by the Inspectors of the County Weights and Measures Department. Samples of water supplies are taken by the Sanitary Inspector as required. (See under "Water Supply").

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

HOSPITALS, CLINICS AND HOME NURSING.

The facilities available for this District remain the same as described in previous Reports.

The Parish of Hurley enjoys the right of sending patients to Westminister Hospital by virtue of Willcock's Charity, 1788. For details see Annual Report, 1938, pages 115-116.

WATER SUPPLY.

A full description of the water supply of the District was given in the Report for 1938 (page 117).

Water Samples taken during 1943.

Note.—" C "—Chemical. " B "—Bacteriological.

Date.	*Site.*		*Result.*
19/ 3/43	Hurley Lock House, Hurley	C	Good
19/ 3/43	Hurley Lock House, Hurley	B	Good
6/ 4/43	Lower Island, Hurley Lock	C	Good
6/ 4/43	Lower Island, Hurley Lock	B	Unfit
6/ 4/43	Upper Island, Hurley Lock	C	Good
6/ 4/43	Upper Island, Hurley Lock	B	Good
3/ 5/43	Lower Island, Hurley Lock	B	Good
19/ 5/43	Ditto—after 10 minutes' pumping ...	B	Unsatisfactory
19/ 5/43	Ditto—direct	B	Unsatisfactory
19/ 5/43	Upper Island, Hurley Lock—direct ...	B	Good
7/ 6/43	Lower Island, Hurley Lock—direct ...	B	Unfit
7 /6/43	Ditto—after 10 minutes pumping ...	B	Passable
7 /6/43	Mill House, Hurley	B	Good
7/ 6/43	Lock House, Hurley	B	Good
12/ 8/43	Mill House, Camping Ground, Hurley	B	Unfit
12/ 8/43	Mill House, Camping Ground, Hurley	C	Good
2/ 9/43	Lower Island, Hurley	B	Good
2/ 9/43	Mill Lane Camping Ground, Hurley ...	B	Unfit
6/10/43	Hollands Bungalow, Ladye Place, Hurley	B	Good
6/10/43	Ladye Place, Hurley	B	Good
14/12/43	Burfitts Camping Ground, Farm House	B	Good
14/12/43	Burfitts Camping Ground, Hurley ...	C	Good
14/12/43	Rose Cottage, Hurley	B	Good
14/12/43	Rose Cottage, Hurley	C	Good
14/12/43	Sweet Briar Cottage, Hurley :		
	Tap over sink	B	Good
	Ditto	C	Good
	Tap over sink from cistern ...	B	Good

In the case of " unfit " samples appropriate steps were taken to secure a satisfactory supply.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Wet Scavenigng.

Council's vehicles consist of two 1,000 and one 750-gallon Dennis vacuum machines, the latter being a dual purpose vehicle with interchanging refuse and cesspool emptying bodies.

Workmen employed are three drivers and two mates.

The contents are disposed of by broad irrigation at two disposal sites—one at Bray and the other at Cookham. A full-time workman is employed at Bray site and a part-time workman at Cookham.

The following Parishes are served by this Service: Bray, Bisham, Cookham and White Waltham.

By Resolution of the Council cesspools are not emptied more frequently than once a month.

I have again to report on the unsatisfactory wet scavenging of the area during the year under review, arising mainly from breakdown of machines.

Briefly, out of a total of 900 working days, 140 working days were lost. The health of the personnel of this service has remained good, and there was no absence arising from sickness during the year.

During the financial year ending April, 1944, 4,605 cesspools at Bray, Bisham, Cookham and White Waltham, were emptied of 6,155,000 gallons of sewage at a cost of £2,070, or 8s. 10d. per 1,000 gallons, *i.e.*, the normal contents of one cesspool. For the previous year the corresponding figures are 4,865 cesspools, 6,550,350 gallons; total cost, £2,774, or 8s. 6d. per 1,000 gallons.

Dry Scavenging.

Salvaging of materials is still undertaken by the Council in conjunction with the collection of refuse, irrespective of the Resolution of the Council made on the 1st December, 1942.

In practice, I found that it was necessary to carry on the collection of refuse to avoid nuisances arising from accumulations. Such collections have been made as regularly as the present mechanical service would permit, in conjunction with the increased amount of sickness of the collecting staff, coupled with the breakdown of vehicles.

The service is a dual one, refuse and salvage, and has not functioned as was hoped for. This is entirely due, in my opinion, to the individuality of the staff. I have found during this year that one machine with driver and mate could do their salvage round in approximately 4-5 weeks, and yet another vehicle with driver and two mates, would carry out a similar salvage round in 7 weeks.

These discrepancies in periods of collection tend to cause muddle and also a certain amount of discontent among the inhabitants, and also the fact of dual collection, as numerous complaints have been received that the vehicles have been in the district and not called for either salvage or refuse.

During the months of February to August, I had only two machines working this service. During September, a new machine was provided by the Council, bringing the quota up to the original of three machines. In view of the two-thirds working, I have to report that the service was well carried out.

The following statistics are applicable for the financial year ending 31st March, 1944 :—

(1) *Collected directly by Cookham R.D.C. :*

	Value.			*Weight.*					
	£	*s.*	*d.*	*tons.*	*cwts.*	*lbs.*	*tons.*	*cwts.*	*lbs.*
Waste Paper, Bones, Rags, Metals, Bottles, etc. ...	1141	0	0	261	13	109			
In stock, 31st March, 1944 (unsold) estimated ...	60	15	0	18	15	56			
	£1201	15	0				280	9	53

(2) *Collected by other bodies in conjunction with Cookham R.D.C. :*

Waste Paper	19	10	0			
Waste Food	12	12	44			
				32	2	32
Total ...				312	11	97

(3) *Refuse and Salvage Collections :*

Weight of materials collected :

Financial year ending 31st March, 1944—			
Refuse	3279	2	22
Salvage	261	13	109
	3540	16	19
Financial year ending 31st March, 1943—			
Refuse	3031	10	0
Salvage	478	18	15
	3510	8	15

SANITARY INSPECTION.

The following is the Report of the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. F. K. Knowles) for the year ended 31st December, 1943 :—

" Oaklands,"
Bath Road,
Maidenhead.
(*Tel.* Maidenhead 252.)

To Dr. J. J. Patterson,
Medical Officer of Health.

Dear Sir,

Inspections and Visits.

A total of 4,596 visits and inspections were carried out during the year and 70 complaints were received and investigated.

Notices and Letters.

Informal	146	Prosecutions	*Nil*
Verbal	8	Letters received	4355
Statutory	*Nil*	Letters sent	2543
Notices complied with ...	194	Persons interviewed at Office	563

Index of Works.

To economise both with paper and detailed work, the index of works executed during the year has again been omitted.

Improvements completed, defects remedied and nuisances abated during the year total 561.

Factories.

There are 42 Factories in the District. Eighty-five visits were paid during the year, 3 informal notices were served and complied with.

Slaugther Houses.

See sub-heading " Slaughter Houses " under paragraph on " Meat and Other Foods."

Cowsheds and Dairies.

One hundred and forty-five visits were paid to these premises and many improvements were carried out, serving 20 formal notices.

Drainage.

Several drainage systems to new buildings were inspected and approved during the year.

Several systems were reconstructed or additional drains were provided during the alterations or additions to existing buildings.

Drainage systems to 24 premises were relaid, repaired or provided after service of notice.

Verminous Premises.

Thirty-seven premises were found to be infested. In 12 cases disinfection was carried out by this Council, the Owners of the premises bearing the cost.

Housing (Rural Workers) Acts, 1926 and 1931.
Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Act, 1938.

No action was taken in connection with the above Acts.

Shop Inspections.

During the year, 27 visits were made to shops where food is prepared or sold, and a number of improvements and alterations effected.

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Plans presented for approval	44
Premises completed	11
Additions and alterations to existing premises completed	6
Notices served, Contraventions to Byelaws, etc.	12
Prosecutions	*Nil*

(*Signed*) F. K. KNOWLES,
Sanitary Inspector and Building Surveyor.

CAMPING SITES.

There are now 17 Camping Sites in the District which have been approved, subject to the conditions set out in the Report for 1939 at page 74.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

Four pools in this District provide for public bathing and swimming; the situation of these were enumerated and described in the Report for 1938 (page 130).

SANITARY MATTERS REQUIRING NOTICE.

The question of providing suitable protective clothing for the workmen engaged in scavenging and the provision of better facilities for personal cleanliness at the Depot at Tittle Row are being considered, otherwise there is nothing to add to what appeared in this paragraph in the Report for 1940 in reference to matters in abeyance owing to war conditions.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*
   - (1) (*a*) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 460
   - Number of inspections made for the purpose 490
   - (2) (*a*) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 16
   - (*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose 70
   - (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 1
   - (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 16
2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—*
   - Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 420
3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*
   - A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936* ... ... *Nil*
   - B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts* ... ... *Nil*
   - C. *Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936* *Nil*
   - D. *Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936* ... *Nil*
4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*
   - (*a*) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 2
   - (ii) Number of families dwelling therein 4
   - (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein 21
   - (*b*) (i) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year 4
   - (*c*) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 2
   - (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases 45
   - (*d*) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... *Nil*

MILK SUPPLY.

The position with regard to milk supply is shown by the following tabular statement :—

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.

Number on Register :	
Wholesale Producers	54
Retail Producers	21
Retail Purveyors	31
Retails (Milk Shops, etc.)	10
Licences granted for the sale of Tuberculin Tested Milk	*Nil*
,, ,, ,, ,, Pasteurised Milk	1
Dairy Farms licensed to produce Accredited Milk	24
,, ,, ,, ,, Tuberculin Tested Milk	9
Total Number of Registered Dairy Farms	75
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 :	
Discovered	20
Remedied	20
Contraventions of Public Health Acts :	
Discovered	*Nil*
Remedied	*Nil*
Number of Inspections	145

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Slaughter Houses.

By Government Order, all slaughter houses in the District have been closed down for the duration of hostilities.

The bulk of meat allocated to the District is sent from Mr. Dudley Sims' slaughter house, Maidenhead, whose premises have been taken over by the Ministry of Food for centralized slaughtering.

The Meat Inspectors of the Borough of Maidenhead and of the Cookham Rural District Council are working a night and week-end duty rota at the above slaughter house, so that every carcase may be inspected.

Two hundred and eleven visits were paid during the year to butchers' shops, and Central Slaughter House, Maidenhead.

Fifty-three pigs were slaughtered and inspected at private houses and premises after the owners had procured a licence from the Food Control Office.

Unsound Food.

The undermentioned foodstuffs were condemned and surrendered, after being examined and found to be unfit for human consumption :—

Meat.

8lbs. chilled lambs liver.
Top piece and rump English beef (146lbs.)
35lbs. Aitch bone and thick flank.
30lbs. Silverside.
29lbs. rump.
25lbs. top side English beef.
9 full duck carcases.
3lbs. English thick flank.
29lbs. Bacon.
38lbs. pork loins.
1 pig carcase and all offal 226lbs.

Other Foods.

2 tins evaporated milk.
5 tins condensed milk.
11lbs. 12ozs. margarine.
1 tin jam.
1 tin sardines.
4 tins carrots.
3 tins peas.
1 tin baked beans.
1 tin haricot beans.
1 tin spinach.
2 tins stewed steak.
2 tins sausage meat.
4 tins luncheon meat.
3 tins chopped ham.
8 tins picnic roll.
7 tins corned mutton.
1 tin boiled mutton.
13 tins corned beef.
2cwt. rolled oats.
28lbs. rice.
30 tins plums.
1 tin rhubarb.
2 tins pineapple.

Bakehouses.

There are 9 premises in the District where baking of bread is carried on. Generally speaking they are well kept and in two instances only was it found necessary to issue formal notices in respect of contraventions of the Acts.

Other Food Shops.

Inspections of all food premises under Section 13 and 14, Food and Drugs Act, 1938, where food is prepared, stored or sold, were as follows :

Food Premises inspected	40
Contraventions of Section 13 :	
Discovered and Remedied	6
Revisits	111
Premises Registered under Section 14	*Nil*

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year 170 children were immunised against Diphtheria. Previously 1,304 children had received treatment making a grand total of 1,474.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below :—

Table I.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year 1943. (*other than Tuberculosis*).

Disease.	*Total cases notified.*	*Cases admitted to Hospital.*	*Deaths of notified cases.*
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	0	0
Diphtheria	2	2	0
Dysentery	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Erysipelas	1	0	0
Malaria	0	0	0
Measles	145 (6)	5	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	0
Pneumonia	5	1	0
Polio-myelitis	1	1	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	58 (4)	36	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	23 (3)	0	0

Table II.

Age in Years of Notified Cases, 1943.

Disease.	*Years*	*0–*	*1–*	*2–*	*3–*	*4–*	*5–*	*10–*	*15–*	*20–*	*35–*	*45–*	*65+*
Diphtheria ...	...	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–
Erysipelas ...	...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Measles ...	...	1	5	9	16	23	67	13	4	4	2	1	–
Pneumonia ...	...	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	1
Polio-myelitis	...	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Scarlet Fever ...	...	–	3	1	3	7	23	10	–	6	3	2	–
Whooping Cough	...	3	1	2	5	2	9	1	–	–	–	–	–

Table III.

List of Infectious Diseases for the Five Years, 1939—1943.

Disease.	*1939.*	*1940.*	*1941.*	*1942.*	*1943.*
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	5	1	0	0
Diphtheria	5	21	13	3	2
Dysentery	0	0	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas	1	0	4	1	1
Malaria	0	0	0	0	0
Measles*	1	103	120	54	145
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	5	4	9	6	5
Polio-myelitis	0	0	7	0	1
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	4	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	12	10	48	19	58
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough*	0	0	118	37	23

* *Not notifiable until October, 1939.*

Tuberculosis Table.

Age Periods.	New Cases. *Pulmonary.*		New Cases. *Non-Pul'y*		Deaths *Pulmonary.*		Deaths *Non-Pul'y.*	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
1— 5 years ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
5—15 ,, ...	–	–	1	2	–	–	–	1
15—25 ,, ...	2	3	–	–	–	–	–	–
25—35 ,, ...	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
35—45 ,, ...	3	1	–	–	1	–	–	1
45—55 ,, ...	1	–	–	1	1	–	–	–
55—65 ,, ...	1	–	–	–	2	–	–	–
65 and over ...	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Totals ...	8	5	1	3	4	–	–	2

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—*Nil.*

Easthamptead Rural Sanitary District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	27,034
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1943	5,300
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1944	£158,301
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£614
Outstanding Loans	£231,784

BIRTHS.

The number of births accredited to this District are set out in the following Table for the year 1943.

	Live Births.		*Still Births.*		
	Male.	*Female.*	*Male.*	*Female.*	
Legitimate	153	153	5	2	
Illegitimate	15	17	0	0	
Total	168	170	5	2	
Total for 1943	338	+	7	=	345
Total for 1942	336	+	5	=	341

DEATHS.

The deaths as shown in the Table below are those attributed to this District for the year 1943. They total 246, comprising 121 males and 125 females. In the previous year these numbers were respectively, total 216, males 94, females 122.

Causes of Deaths in Easthampstead Rural District, 1943.

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	*Males.*	*Females.*
	ALL CAUSES	121	125
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	4	2
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	1
8.	Syphilitic diseases	—	1
9.	Influenza	4	6
10.	Measles	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	2	1
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	2	1
15.	Cancer of breast	—	4
16.	Cancer of all other sites	18	12
17.	Diabetes	—	1
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	9	11
19.	Heart Disease	25	23
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	3	3
21.	Bronchitis	7	6
22.	Pneumonia	5	9
23.	Other respiratory diseases	4	1
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	2	—
25.	Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	1	—
26.	Appendicitis	1	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	3	1
28.	Nephritis	1	2
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	—	1
31.	Premature birth	1	2
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	1	3
33.	Suicide	3	—
34.	Road traffic accident	1	2
35.	Other violent causes	2	1
36.	All other causes	22	31

INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY.

The deaths amongst infants under one year of age numbered 18; 10 males, 8 females, of which 3 were illegitimate; while in the previous year the total of infant deaths was 13. The chief causes of death were Premature Birth 3, Congenital Defects, Birth Injuries and Infantile Diseases, 4. There was also 1 death from Diarrhœa amongst children under 2 years of age, and 2 in the previous year.

There was 1 death due to Maternal causes.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

In the Report for 1939 (pages 150-157) a full list was given of the Adoptive Acts, Sections, Byelaws, etc., in force in this District. As this remains the same there is no need to repeat the list.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The general arrangements for supplying the local medical practitioners with swabs, etc., are as described in the Preface to previous Reports.

Samples of Milk are taken by the County Police, and of other Foods and Drugs by the Inspectors of the County Department for Weights and Measures. These samples are submitted to the County Analyst. Samples of water for domestic use are taken from time to time by the local Sanitary Inspectors.

Swabs and other morbid specimens examined by the Clinical Research Association, London, on behalf of medical practitioners in the neighbourhood, comprised the following :—

Material.	*Positive.*	*Negative.*	*Total.*
Swabs for Diphtheria	0	15	15
Sputum for Tubercle	0	1	1
Blood for Typhoid	0	0	0
Others	0	0	0
	0	16	16

AMBULANCE AND MORTUARY FACILITIES.

For the transport of accident and other cases a St. John Ambulance is now available in Bracknell and neighbouring districts at any time upon application to :

Supt. W. Green,
Dublin Cottage,
Tel. Bracknell 27. Binfield Road, Bracknell.

A description of the new Mortuary and Post-mortem Room adjoining the Council Offices in Church Road was given in the Report for 1938 at page 152. It is available on application to the Surveyor at the Council Offices, Church Road, Bracknell (*Tel.* 500).

HOME NURSING.

TREATMENT CLINICS.

HOSPITALS.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Services indicated by the above-mentioned headings remain as described in previous Reports. The scope and extent of their activities during the past year were similar to those recorded in the Report for 1938 at pages 153-154.

WATER SUPPLY.

Of the 15 samples taken from public mains during the year, all gave satisfactory results. Three samples were taken from wells in the district, one proving unsatisfactory.

Following this analysis the matter was brought to the notice of the owner and a piped supply has now been laid on to the cottages concerned. With regard to the installation of softening plant at the Beenham's Heath P/S, progress is being maintained, but slowly, due to labour difficulties.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The sewerage installations for the Parishes of Binfield, Crowthorne, Sandhurst, Winkfield and the village of Bracknell have been reviewed at length in previous Reports. Various improvements have been carried out during the year. Samples taken from time to time by Inspectors of the Thames Conservancy Board have proved saitsfactory.

The Rainfall as recorded at the Sandhurst Works was :
1943 ...19.4 inches. 1942 ... 20.00 inches. 1941 ... 22.34 inches.

The piggery at the Bracknell Works continues to be successfully maintained.

PUBLIC CLEANSING AND SALVAGE.

The weekly collection of house refuse has been maintained throughout the year in spite of many difficulties of transport and labour. The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

Salvage is diligently prosecuted and very satisfactory returns have been obtained. The total sales for 1943 amounted to £1,602 13s. 4d. For 1942 the amount was £1,942 15s. 9d.

One of the Council's refuse collection vehicles was replaced by a new Dennis refuse freighter of 10 cubic yards capacity., and is proving a satisfactory vehicle.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

The following constitutes the Inspectorial Staff during 1943-44 :

Mr. R. H. Hebbron (Cert.) R.S.I., and Meat and Other Foods, Chief Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

Mr. D. L. Wilkinson (Cert.) R.S.I., and Meat and Other Foods, (Cert.), Building Inspector, M. & Cy E.

Clerk.—Miss M. Bishop, from 11th April, 1944.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

Summary of Work performed by the Sanitary Inspectors during the Year 1943.

District Inspections	54
Reinspections	386
Housing Inspections	57
Housing Reinspections	29
Infected Houses	97
Inspection of Council Houses	133
Butchers' Shops	31
Slaughter Houses	0
Dairies and Cowsheds	77
Bakehouses	2
Factories and Workshops	9
Food Shops	116
Meat Inspections	57

Market Inspections	48
Interviewed Owners and Builders	64
Drains Inspected	36
Shop Inspections	6
Visits on Complaints	276
Tents, Vans and Sheds	39
Visits as Surveyor to Sewage Works	208
Foundations inspected	25
Inspections during construction	65
Drains tested	35
Properties Inspected on completion	0
Work in progress	260
Rats	46
Miscellaneous	330
Refuse Tip	18
Water Samples, visits	24

SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

There are no notable changes to record in the sanitary circumstances of the District and the overcrowded conditions referred to in last year's Report have been eased by a reduction in population due to the return of evacuees. The unsatisfactory conditions at certain of the premises used as temporary schools for evacuees mentioned in the Report for 1941 have been greatly mitigated by absorption of the remaining evacuees into the regular schools.

HOUSING

Plans and Town Planning.

Planning and building development during the year have been confined principally to alterations, many of these being alterations required in connection with the expansion of recently established war-time industries.

During the year 8 new cottages were commenced, 6 under Ministry of Agricultural Scheme and 2 under private enterprise, all for agricultural workers, and the work is proceeding satisfactorily.

During the past year 40 plans for new buildings under the Bye-laws were submitted.

Council Houses.

Necessary repairs and maintenance have been carried out and work has commenced on the external painting of all houses and is proceeding satisfactorily.

FOOD INSPECTION.

There is no Government Slaughter House in the District and the inspection of meat and other foods is confined to the regular inspection of shops in the District.

Since the Ministry of Food is now the sole buyer of milk, a National Scheme of Milk Testing for Keeping Quality has been inaugurated to minimise the serious wastage from souring.

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

It has been found possible to carry out an increased amount of supervision over milk production in the District and although shortage of labour and materials render the carrying out of structural improvements difficult, some structural improvements have been put in hand on the premises of three milk producers. The number of producers and dairymen is shown below :—

(1) Producers (Farms)	74
(2) Retailers	35
(3) Accredited Producers (included in (1) above)	10
(4) Tuberculin Tested Producers (included in (1) above)	5
(5) Tuberculin Tested Bottling Licences	1
(6) Pasteurised Retailers Licence	1
Number of inspections	77
Statutory action	*Nil*

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year 272 children were immunised against Diphtheria. Previously 2,850 children had received treatment, making a grand total of 3,122.

The following tables give the chief statistics relating to the notifiable infectious diseases.

Table I.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year 1943.

(*other than Tuberculosis.*)

Disease.	*Total cases notified.*	*Cases admitted to Hospital.*	*Deaths of notified cases.*
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	0	0
Dysentery	1 (1)	1	0
Diphtheria	2	1	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Erysipelas	4	0	0
Malaria	50 (50)	50	0
Measles	129 (6)	0	0
Ophthalmia neonatorum	0	0	0
Pneumonia	25 (3)	6	3
Polio-myelitis	2	2	1
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1	0
Scarlet Fever	62 (3)	47	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	20	0	0

The figures in brackets ( ) refer to cases occurring in an institution and are included in the preceding number.

Table II.

Age in Years of Notified Cases, 1943.

Disease.	*Years*	*0–*	*1–*	*2–*	*3–*	*4–*	*5–*	*10–*	*15–*	*20–*	*35–*	*45–*	*65+*
Diphtheria	... ...	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–
Dysentery	... ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–
Erysipelas	... ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–
Malaria	... ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	47	2	1	–
Measles	... ...	–	4	13	7	20	68	10	2	3	2	–	–
Pneumonia	... ...	–	–	–	–	1	3	2	2	4	5	6	2
Scarlet Fever	... ...	–	2	1	4	4	32	8	–	8	2	1	–
Whooping Cough	...	–	2	5	7	2	4	–	–	–	–	–	–
Polio-myelitis	...	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–

TABLE III.

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS 1939-1943.

Disease.	*1939.*	*1940.*	*1941.*	*1942.*	*1943.*
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	0	2	0	0
Dysentery	0	2	8	3	1
Diphtheria	15	22	7	8	2
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas ... ..., ...	6	3	5	1	4
Malaria	0	1	0	4	50
Measles*	0	262	501	166	129
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	1	1	0
Pneumonia	4	24	16	12	25
Polio-myelitis	2	1	3	0	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	1	0	2
Scarlet Fever	13	26	53	22	62
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough*	24	16	123	14	20

* *Not notifiable until October, 1939.*

TUBERCULOSIS.

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease, whether the cases have been notified or not, during the current year, are set out in the table below.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES. *Pulmonary.*		*Non-Pul'y.*		DEATHS. *Pulmonary.*		*Non-Pul'y.*	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
1— 5 years ...	–	–	2	–	1	–	–	–
5—15 ,, ...	1	–	5	1	–	–	–	–
15—25 ,, ...	3	2	1	–	–	–	–	–
25—35 ,, ...	1	1	2	–	–	1	–	–
35—45 ,, ...	2	2	–	–	–	–	–	–
45—55 ,, ...	2	1	–	–	3	–	–	–
55—65 ,, ...	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
65 and over ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Totals ...	10	6	10	1	4	1	–	–

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—2 out of 5=40%.

Windsor
Rural Sanitary District

GENERAL STASTICS.

Area (in acres)	8,665
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1943...	2,410
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1944	£122,300
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£515
Outstanding Loans at 1st April, 1944	£141,796

BIRTHS.

The births attributable to this District for the year 1943 are as follows :

	Live Births.		*Still Births.*	
	Male.	*Female.*	*Male.*	*Female.*
Legitimate	96	79	3	4
Illegitimate	10	9	0	0
Total	106	88	3	4

Total for 1943	194	+	7	=	201
Total for 1942	188	+	4	=	192

DEATHS.

This year the total net deaths for Windsor Rural District number 130 of which 48 refer to males and 82 to females. In the previous year the numbers were respectively, total 151, males 76, females 75. The causes of death are shown in the following Table.

Causes of Deaths in Windsor Rural District, 1943.

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	*Males.*	*Females*
	ALL CAUSES	48	82
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	—	2
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	1
8.	Syphilitic diseases	1	1
9.	Influenza	2	1
10.	Measles	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	1	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	—	1
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	1	1
15.	Cancer of breast	—	4
16.	Cancer of all other sites	4	7
17.	Diabetes	—	2
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	1	10
19.	Heart Disease	13	19
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	4	3
21.	Bronchitis	4	2
22.	Pneumonia	5	2
23.	Other respiratory diseases	—	2
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	—
25.	Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	2	1
26.	Appendicitis	—	1
27.	Other digestive diseases	1	2
28.	Nephritis	—	2
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	—	1
31.	Premature birth	—	1
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	—	—
33.	Suicide	1	—
34.	Road traffic accident	3	—
35.	Other violent causes	2	2
36.	All other causes	2	14

INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY.

Amongst infants under one year of age there were 6 deaths, 3 males and 3 females, none of which was illegitimate. In the previous year there were 13 infant deaths. Of these deaths, 1 was due to Premature Birth. There were 3 deaths from Diarrhœa in children under 2 years of age, as in the previous year.

There was one death from Maternal causes, but none in the previous year.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

There is one whole-time Officer (W. H. Rowsell, Council Offices, Bowden Road, Sunninghill, *Tel.* Ascot 893), who holds the combined appointments of Sanitary Inspector and Building Surveyor for the whole District and who is also Superintendent of Scavenging for the Parish of Old Windsor. The supervision of the Council's Sewerage Works and Scavenging Scheme for the two other parishes, Sunninghill and Sunningdale, is undertaken by Mr. E. J. Toy, " Mascal," Ascot (*Tel.* Ascot 357).

LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

For a full list of the Adoptive Acts, Byelaws and Regulations in force in this District see Annual Report for 1937 pages 190-192, also Report for 1939 page 117.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The laboratory facilities are the same for this as for the other Districts in the combination, and are described under the appropriate heading in the Preface of previous Reports, where a list of Special Clinics, Consultants, etc., will also be found.

A statement of specimens examined, analyses made, etc., is given below.

Material.	*Positive.*	*Negative.*	*Total.*
Swabs for Diphtheria	0	2	2
Sputum for Tubercle	1	1	2
Blood for Typhoid	0	0	0
Other Specimens	0	0	0
	1	3	4

Official milk sampling is done by the County Police.

Sampling of other foods and drugs is done by the Inspectors of the County Weights and Measures Department.

Samples of water for drinking and domestic purposes are taken by the Sanitary Inspector, also milk samples for bacterial content. (See para. " Milk Supply.")

Of the public supply, 24 samples were taken under the " Six Districts Agreement " (see under " Water Supply "), of which 4 were in Windsor Rural District. All yielded satisfactory results.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

There is no local ambulance. For the removal of patients the ambulance belonging to the Hospital to which the patient is to be removed is employed. In the case of emergency the St. John Amublance stationed at Bracknell would be available on application to :

Supt. W. Green,
Dublin Cottage,
Tel. B4acknell 27. Binfield Road, Bracknell.

HOME NURSING.

TREATMENT CLINICS.

HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

These Services remain the same as described in the Report for 1938 at page 201.

WATER SUPPLY.

A description of the Water Supply in this District was given at length in the Report for 1937 at page 94, which need not be repeated as the conditions remain unchanged, and further comments were added in the Report for 1938 at page 202. The chief source of supply is from the public mains of the South-West Suburban Water Company. By an arrangement with the six Districts in this neighbourhood on the same supply, samples from service pipes are taken periodically in rotation and the results of the analysis circulated.

Under the combined sampling arrangements, operating between neighbouring Authorities, 24 Analyst's Reports were received during 1943, on samples of water taken fron the public supply. In no case was the water judged to be unfit for drinking purposes. Four of the samples were taken in the Rural District.

In addition, the water from five wells in the Parish of Old Windsor was sampled, with a view to the possible use of these supplies for emergency purposes. Enquiries made during the year revealed the existence of "supplementary water supplies," *i.e.*, wells, springs, lakes, etc., at 110 premises in the District.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The drainage and sewerage of this District has been fully described in previous Reports under this heading and need not be repeated. Mr. E. J. Toy is the Works Manager and Sanitary Superintendent, whose address and telephone number are "Mascal," Ascot; Ascot 357.

One house was converted from Cesspool to Main Drainage during the year under review.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

As mentioned in previous Reports, Wet Scavenging, *i.e.*, emptying of cesspools, is still carried out in the Parishes of Sunninghill and Sunningdale at the few houses which have not yet been connected to the public sewer, most of these being so situated that connection is impossible. The Parish of Old Windsor is not sewered.

Dry Scavenging, *i.e.*, removal of house refuse is carried out in all three parishes and combined with it there is a well organised Salvaging Scheme for the recovery of useable waste materials.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

The Report of Mr. W. H. Rowsell, Sanitary Inspector for this District, for the year ended 31st December, 1943, is reproduced below.

Council Offices,
Bowden Road, Sunninghill.
(*Tel.* Ascot 893.)

To Dr. J. J. Paterson,
Medical Officer of Health.

Dear Sir,

I submit herewith a curtailed summary of work done during the year 1943.

One of the chief difficulties of war-time administration is the collection and tabulation of data for Report purposes, and the details herewith are respectfully tendered as a "token" of the effort expended during the year under review.

"Housing"—as generally understood—has again been in abeyance, although the advent of Circular 2871 in October last increased the scope of activities to some extent. Four Certificates of Essentiality have so far been issued under the Circular. In addition to inspections made, under "Public Health and Housing" 80 visits were made to Council Houses in relation to repairs and decorations.

The District's long spell of comparative immunity from Infectious Disease was somewhat broken in 1943 by sporadic outbreaks of Scarlet Fever and Measles. Disinfection of rooms and contents is carried out following removal or recovery of the patient.

Milk sampling, for bacteriological purposes, has been increased during the year and has shown the standard of purity to be reasonably well maintained.

Following receipt of a Direction from the Ministry of Food, a general survey of the District was made to discover the degree of infestation by rats and mice. While numerous small infestations were discovered, nothing of a serious nature came to light. In conjunction with Easthampstead R.D.C., the Council now employ a rodent operative on disinfestation work, his services being available one week in every three.

Four cases of alleged overcrowding were investigated during the year, but in each instance the " statutory limits " were found not to be exceeded. This is not to be construed as meaning that no families in the District are unsatisfactorily housed.

More detailed information on various branches of the work is given in the respective paragraphs following, but reference to the many additional war-time activities, *e.g.*, Salvage and Book Drives, Food Decontamination, Emergency Feeding, etc., has been omitted.

In common I know with all my colleagues in East Berks, I beg to tender to you my sincere and respectful congratulations on the occasion of your recent " official " retirement and to record how deeply I have enjoyed, and I trust, appreciated, your wise ruling and true friendship during the years that are past.

Summary of Inspections and Re-inspections in connection with :

Dwelling houses (Public Health and Housing Acts)	104
Drainage work	38
Infectious disease	81
Cowsheds and dairies	28
Factories and workshops	2
Shop premises	15
Food stores (others)	61
Tents, vans, sheds, etc.	2
Water courses	5
Miscellaneous (Interviews, etc.)	62
Rats and Mice	10
Water supply	9

NOTICES.

Sixty-nine Informal Notices were give during the year (including verbal); the majority were complied with by the year's end, but owing to emergency work a complete check has not been possible.

(*Signed*) W. H. ROWSELL,
Sanitary Inspector.

BUILDING SURVEYOR'S REPORT, 1943.

The following is a summary of my work as Building Surveyor during the year ended 31st December, 1943 :—

Plans deposited during 1943.	*Approved.*	*Rejected.*
New buildings	6 ...	2
Alterations and additions	5 ...	0
Change of user	0 ...	0
Drainage	1 ...	1
Lay-out	1 ...	1
Inspections made	30 ...	0

In view of the Government's appeal for restricted use of materials and labour for property maintenance purposes, the Council abandoned, for the war period, the general maintenance policy as to Council houses, referred to in the Report for 1939, page 127.

At Council houses, 80 inspections were made for the purpose of effecting repairs and decorations where necessary.

A proposal to substitute a brick wall for the very dilapidated fencing surrounding 20 of the Council's houses at Ascot, was abandoned, approval to expenditure being refused.

An appeal, against the decision of the Council to refuse permission in respect of the erection of buildings on the Friary Estate, Old Windsor, under the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Order, 1933, was dismissed by the Minister of Town and Country Planning, and the Council's decision upheld.

Considerable attention has been given in recent months to the matter of Post-War Reconstruction, with particular emphasis on Housing.

(*Signed*) W. H. ROWSELL,
Building Inspector.

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

In all, 15 visits were paid to shop premises, excluding food shops, during 1943. Cleanliness was fairly well maintained and it may be said that no shops in this District, employing staff, are now without means for

maintaining a reasonable temperature and healthy atmosphere, and in all cases sanitary conveniences are available.

CAMPING SITES.

There is one licensed Camping Site in the District, at Ascot. One application, in respect of land at Old Windsor, was received and rejected during 1943.

It may perhaps be appropriately mentioned here that under an agreement entered into in 1942 between the Windsor Borough Council (as land owners) and the Windsor Rural District Council (as the Local Authority), under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, certain bungalows on Ham Island are restricted, for use as permanent dwellings, during the summer months only, unless specifically licensed for continuous use during the months October to April (inclusive). Ten licences, as above, are at present in force.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

The above subjects were commented upon in the Report for 1939, pages 128-129.

The provision of scavenging and other public services for that outlying portion of the District situated on Friary Island is still an unsolved problem as the Island can be approached only by a long detour—some 4½ miles—through the neighbouring Rural District of Eton (Bucks). Negotiations have been in progress for some time with the Bucks Local Authorities to take over the work, but so far no definite conclusion has been reached.

HOUSING.

The following is a statement of the Sanitary Inspector under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the past year :—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*

(1) (*a*) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	39
(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	104

(2) (*a*) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ... ... *Nil*

(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ... *Nil*

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation *Nil*

(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 39

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 41

3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*

A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ... *Nil*

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :

(*a*) By Owners ... ... *Nil*

(*b*) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... ... *Nil*

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts* ... ... *Nil*

C. *Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ... *Nil*

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ... *Nil*

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year *Nil*

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases... ... ... *Nil*

Four alleged cases of overcrowding were investigated during the year, but in none of them was the Statutory limit exceeded.

One agricultural cottage continued to be occupied during 1943, by virtue of a Certificate (under Order in Council dated July 2nd, 1940), allowing its use as a dwelling as a war-time measure. The Certificate is now in abeyance, pending the execution of essential repairs by the owners, under Circular 2871.

MILK SUPPLY.

The particulars relating to the production and sale of milk in this District are summarised below :—

Wholesale Producers	5
Retail Producers	6
Retail Purveyors (including Retail Producers)	10
Retailers (Milk Shops, etc.), excluding Purveyors	2

	Accredited.	*T.T.*	*Pasteurised.*
No. of Producers licensed	1	3	—
,, ,, Retailers licensed	—	4	2
,, ,, Distributors licensed	—	—	—

Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1936 :	
Discovered	7
Remedied	5
Contraventions of Public Health Acts :	
Discovered	*Nil*
Remedied	*Nil*
Number of inspections	28

There are 11 dairy farms in this District, of which 1 is licensed for " Accredited " production and 3 for " T.T."

In two instances, agreement was reached with the Dairyman for the carrying out of considerable improvement measures, *e.g.*, erection of new sterilizing gear, provision of concrete cow yard, etc., and these works are now due to be put in hand.

Twenty-two bacteriological samples were submitted for analysis during the year, covering the bulk of supplies consumed in the District. Individual reports are made regularly to the Council.

The Council gave considerable consideration to the proposals involved in the Government's White Paper on " Measures to improve the quality of the Nation's Milk Supplies " and by resolution, recorded their objection thereto.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

During the year under review, meat for this District has been supplied from animals slaughtered at the Government Slaughter House at Windsor, which means that none of the five slaughter houses in the Area have been in use, apart from occasional killing by cottagers and others, under the Ministry of Food self-supply Meat Scheme.

The following articles have been voluntarily surrendered and disposed of as being unfit for human food :—

Canned Products.		*Fresh Products.*	
Fish	106 tins	Meat	51 lbs.
Vegetables	58 tins	Sausages	12 lbs.
Meat	190 tins	Bacon	40 lbs.
Milk	60 tins	Cheese	55½ lbs.
Fruit	120 tins	Fish	138 stone
Jam	6 tins	Flour	73 lbs.
		Cake	21 lbs.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year 209 children were immunised against Diphtheria. The number of children who had previously received treatment was 1,252, which makes a grand total of 1,461.

The following tables give the main statistical features of the cases occurring in this District during the year 1943 :—

Table I.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year 1943.

(other than Tuberculosis.)

Disease.	*Total cises notified.*	*Cases admitted to Hospital.*	*Deaths of notified cases.*
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	0	0
Diphtheria	4 (4)	4	0
Dysentery	14 (14)	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (ncluding Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Erysipelas	1 (1)	0	0
Malaria	0	0	0
Measles	232 (139)	16	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2 (1)	0	0
Pneumonia	6 (3)	0	0
Polioencephalitis	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	5 (1)	3	0
Scarlet Fever	56 (17)	17	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	52 (23)	1	0

The figures in brackets ( ) indicate cases which occurred in an insti tution ; they are included in the totals given.

Table II.

Age in Years of Notified Cases, 1943.

Disease.	*Years 0–*	*1–*	*2–*	*3–*	*4–*	*5–*	*10–*	*15–*	*20–*	*35–*	*45–*	*65+*
Diphtheria	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–
Dysentery	–	2	4	3	3	1	1	–	–	–	–	–
Erysipelas	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–
Measles	6	10	15	11	13	67	78	27	–	2	3	–
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pneumonia	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	–	1	–	–	–
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	1	–	–
Scarlet Fever	–	2	5	5	1	30	7	4	2	–	–	–
Whooping Cough ...	2	2	6	4	2	25	11	–	–	–	–	–

Table III.

List of Infectious Diseases for the Five Years, 1939—1943.

Disease.	*1939.*	*1940.*	*1941.*	*1942.*	*1943.*
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	1	1	2	0
Diphtheria	2	1	6	1	4
Dysentery	0	0	0	22	14
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	0	0	0	1	0
Erysipelas	2	1	0	1	1
Malaria	0	0	0	0	0
*Measles	0	22	407	67	232
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	1	2	2
Pneumonia	1	8	7	6	6
Polio-encephalitis	1	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	0	0	2	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	3	1	3	5
Scarlet Fever	7	10	18	9	56
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0
*Whooping Cough	1	8	41	29	52

* *Not notifiable until October, 1939.*

TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment) or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patients to institutions). These powers are now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

The following table gives the required particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and deaths from all forms of that disease during 1943.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

Age Periods.	New Cases. *Pulmonary.*		*Non-Pul'y.*		Deaths. *Pulmonary.*		*Non-Pul'y.*	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
1— 5 years ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
5—15 ,, ...	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–
15—25 ,, ...	–	3	–	–	–	2	–	–
25—35 ,, ...	5	1	–	–	–	1	–	–
35—45 ,, ...	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
45—55 ,, ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
55—65 ,, ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
65 and over ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Totals ...	9	4	1	1	–	3	–	–

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—2 out of 3—66.66%.

Wokingham Rural Sanitary District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	40,828
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1943	8,836
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1944	£228,740
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£920
Outstanding Loans	£345,443

BIRTHS.

From the returns of the Registrar-General the following are the births belonging to this District.

	Live Births.		*Still Births.*	
	Male.	*Female.*	*Male.*	*Female.*
Legitimate	263	256	8	6
Illegitimate	28	17	1	1
Total	291	273	9	7

Total for 1943	564	+	16	=	580
Total for 1942	533	+	16	=	549

DEATHS.

For the year 1943 the number of net deaths in this District is somewhat higher than in the previous year, the figures as supplied by the Registrar-General being males 177, females 184, total 361. The corresponding figures for 1942 being males 161, females 174, total 335. The causes of death are shown in the Table below.

Causes of Deaths in Wokingham Rural District, 1943.

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	*Males.*	*Females*
	ALL CAUSES	177	184
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	—	1
5.	Diphtheria	—	1
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	8	3
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	3	—
8.	Syphilitic diseases	—	—
9.	Influenza	3	7
10.	Measles	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	—	4
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	8	6
15.	Cancer of breast	—	10
16.	Cancer of all other sites	16	21
17.	Diabetes	1	1
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	13	21
19.	Heart Disease	44	29
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	7	4
21.	Bronchitis	10	8
22.	Pneumonia	8	8
23.	Other respiratory diseases	4	2
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	—
25.	Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	—	1
26.	Appendicitis	1	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	5	7
28.	Nephritis	5	10
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	—	1
31.	Premature birth	—	1
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	1	2
33.	Suicide	4	1
34.	Road traffic accident	2	2
35.	Other violent causes	9	6
36.	All other causes	24	27

INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There were 12 deaths amongst infants under one year of age, 4 males and 8 females ; one of these was illegitimate. In the previous year there were 15 such deaths. There was one death this year from Diarrhœa amongst children under two years of age ; in the previous year there was none. Premature birth accounted for 1 death and Congenital Malformations, Birth Injuries and Infantile Diseases for 3 deaths. There was 1 Maternal death, the first since 1939.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

The Staff, office accommodation, etc., remains the same as recorded in the Report for 1941, page 75.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

A full list of Adoptive Acts, Bye-laws, etc., in force in this District was given in the Report for 1938, at pages 232-233, to which the only amendment is the new series of Building Bye-laws which become operative as from 1st July, 1939.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The arrangements for the examination of swabs, sputa, blood and other morbid materials have been described at length in the corresponding paragraphs in previous Reports and need not be repeated.

The following specimens have been examined by the Clinical Research Association, London :

Material.	*Positive.*	*Negative.*	*Total.*
Swabs for Diphtheria	3	28	31
Sputum for Tubercle	0	0	0
Blood for Typhoid	0	0	0
Other specimens	0	0	0
	3	28	31

By the Pathological Department, Royal Berks Hospital, Reading :

Material.	*Positive.*	*Negative.*	*Total.*
Swabs for Diphtheria	4	131	135
Other specimens	3	10	13
	7	141	148

Official samples of Milk are taken by the Police, and in this District samples of other Foodstuffs and Drugs are taken by Inspectors of the County Weights and Measures Department. The number of specimens is very small and is not in any way representative.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The new Ambulance stationed in Wokingham Borough is available for work in this District (see corresponding paragraph in Wokingham

Borough Section). The special ambulance attached to Hospitals serving this District are also available, so that an adequate service for normal needs is maintained.

HOME NURSING.

TREATMENT CLINICS.

HOSPITALS.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

These services remain the same as described in the Report for 1938 at pages 234-235.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Public Water Supply in this District has been described in previous Reports (see that for 1938, page 236).

Samples of water were taken from 41 private wells in various parts of the District and were submitted to the Royal Institute of Public Health for bacteriological analysis. Eighteen samples were classified as good, 3 passable and 20 unfit. Appropriate action has been taken in regard to the unfit samples.

Main water was laid on to Arborfield Village School owing to insufficiency of well supply.

The District Council, themselves, had the main water laid on to Craven Cottage, Pinewood Avenue, Wokingham Without, the owner of the property having failed to comply with a Statutory Notice issued under Section 138 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Efforts were made during the year to obtain the consent of the Ministry of Health for the extension of the Council's water main to supply about 31 properties, including an elementary school, situated in the Riseley Banks area of Swallowfield, but the necessary permission to carry out the work could not be obtained.

The consumption of water was approximately the same as that for the previous year, which was about 50% more than the pre-war consumption, and while the new pumping plant and trunk main scheme has improved the general position, additional storage capacity is of primary importance.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There is now only one swimming pool in use in this district, *i.e.*, Henley Bathing Station at Remenham.

CAMPING SITES.

There are only two camping sites of any size in the district, *i.e.*, Robinson Crusoe Holiday Camp, Park Lane, Finchampstead ; and the gypsy encampment at Mole Road, Winnersh, the particulars of which were given in my Report for 1938, page 248.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The temporary Sewage Disposal Works at Kiln Farm, Earley, has been completed, and deals with the sewage from parts of the Earley and Shepherds Hill districts. The Council have decided to install an electric automatic air compressing plant at the Wargrave Sewage Disposal Works owing to the difficulties (including the shortage of labour) which have been experienced at these Works.

Wet Scavenging.

The shortage of labour and the age of the cesspool emptying vehicles continues to make the management of the service more difficult, and it is unlikely that conditions will improve for some time. The number of applications for cesspool emptying not dealt with at the 31st March, 1944, can be considered satisfactory under the circumstances, as it is less than half of the anticipated number owing to the exceptional dryness of the past year.

No complaints have been received regarding the condition of the cesspool sewage disposal sites, but additional maintenance work is required on these each year. It will be appreciated that when sewage is tipped for a long period on a small area of land a saturation point is reached after which no beneficial results can be obtained by this method of treatment until the site has been rested and reconditioned. At two of the twelve disposal sites the sewage has to be lifted to the treatment area, and this involves the pumping of about 40,000 gallons of sewage per day. The following Table indicates the nature and extent of the work carried out during the year ended the 29th March, 1944.

Summary of work carried out during the 52 weeks ending the 29th March, 1944, compared with the year ending the 31st March, 1943 :

	1st April, 1943 to 29th March, 1944.	*1st April, 1942 to 31st March, 1943.*
Applications brought forward (from previous year) ...	655	1,344
Applications received	13,631	13,418
Total requiring attention ...	14,236	14,762
Cesspools emptied	13,689	16,849
Waiting list...	1,020	655
Septic tanks—Loads	1,929	2,551
Gallons disposed of	14,178,259	15,724,517

Salvage and Refuse Collection.

Until quite recently there has been a monthly collection of refuse and salvage throughout the district. In order, however, to obtain as much salvage material and as quickly as possible, a fortnightly collection for both salvage and refuse is now made in all parishes.

It is hoped to maintain the fortnightly collection if the necessary labour is available.

In common with most other districts, a large Book Drive took place in the Spring which was considered to be quite satisfactory.

The value of materials salvaged during the year amounted to £2,440, exclusive of subsidies.

The Salvage Depots are the same as mentioned in last year's Report.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

Following is the Report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector for the year 1943.

Council Offices,
Shute End,
Wokingham, Berks.
March, 1944.

J. J. Paterson, Esq., M.D., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health,
" The Wilderness," Maidenhead, Berks.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour of presenting herewith my Report of work carried out during the year ended 31st December, 1943.

The total number of visits made during the year was 3,971, apportioned as below :

Number of complaints received	196
,, ,, Informal Notices served	176
,, ,, ,, ,, complied with	113
,, ,, visits in connection with infectious disease	345
,, ,, ,, ,, water supply	164
,, ,, samples of well water analysed	41
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, classified as good ...	18
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, passable ...	3
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, unfit ...	20
,, ,, visits to dwelling houses	749
,, ,, ,, to moveable dwellings	33
,, ,, ,, to factories	37
,, ,, ,, to shop premises under Shops Act	156
,, ,, ,, to cafes, restaurants and hotels	17
,, ,, ,, to dairy farms and dairies	241
,, ,, ,, to butchers' shops	1068
,, ,, ,, to schools	44
,, ,, miscellaneous visits	564
,, ,, premises at which disinfestation for vermin was carried out	22
,, ,, ,, connected to the Council's water mains during 1943	69

ANTHRAX ORDER, 1938.

As in the previous year, 3 notifications of suspected cases were received under this Order, but these were not subsequently confirmed.

FOOD INSPECTION.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Number on Register—

Wholesale Producers : Number of Farms	111
Retail Producers—Number of Farms...	42
Retail Purveyors	17

Number Licensed :	*Tuberculin Tested.*	*Accredited.*	*Pasteurised.*
Producers	15	35	*Nil*
Producers and Retailers	4	6	*Nil*
Distributors (Retail Purveyors) ...	3	*Nil*	2
Supplementary	1	*Nil*	2

Total number of Dairy Farms... 153

Contravention of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 :

Discovered	24
Remedied	18
Number of Inspections	241

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 18 Bakehouses in the District. Informal Notices were issued in respect of the following matters :

Contraventions under Factory Act discovered	3
,, ,, ,, remedied	3

BUTCHERS' PREMISES.

One hundred and sixty-eight visits were made to butchers' premises for the purpose of inspecting meat for sale and in connection with the registration of these premises under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

UNSOUND FOOD.

Beef	...10 lbs.	Corned Beef ...	... 245 tins
Beef, Imported ...	...98 lbs.	Milk	... 526 tins
Ox heads and tongues	130½lbs.	Fish	... 23 tins
Ox livers ...	... 58 lbs.	Various foodstuffs	... 145 tins
Ox lungs ...	... 9 lbs.	Shredded wheat	... 34 pkts.
Bacon	... 83¾lbs.	Egg Substitute	... 98 pkts.
Pigs' heads ...	... 98 lbs.	Eggs ...	... 537
Pig's carcase ...	... 210 lbs.	Oranges ...	... 24
Pork	... 12 lbs.	Hams ...	... 4
Fish	... 112 lbs.		
Suet	... 31 lbs.		
Sausages ...	... 30 lbs.		
Sugar	... 60 lbs.		
Tea	... 270 lbs.		
Prunes ...	... 25 lbs.		
Rice	... 34 lbs.		
Semolina ...	... 21 lbs.		
Corned Mutton	... 114 lbs.		
Corned Pork ...	... 111 lbs.		
	13 cwts. 61¼lbs.		

The carcases of 221 pigs slaughtered by owners for their own consumption were inspected.

(*Signed*) W. L. LONGHURST,
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

HOUSING.

The following particulars have been supplied by Mr. Stanley E. Hayward, who is in charge of the Building Surveyor's Department, through the absence of Mr. Tween, Building Surveyor, on Military Service.

Plans for 52 buildings of various categories were submitted for the Council's consideration ; 8 of these were disapproved under the Building Byelaws. The new dwellings erected were for essential workers and licenses were granted by the Regional Planning Officer.

Number of plans deposited :

For new buildings	22
For alterations and additions to existing buildings...	29
Number of new buildings erected	10
(Of these, 8 were erected by the Rural District Council under the Government Scheme for the Housing of Agricultural Workers.)	
For proposed Estate Development	1

The number of dwelling houses erected and owned by the District Council remains at 410.

HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACT, 1926.

No applications were received during the year under the above Act.

REQUISITIONED HOUSES.

One hundred and nine houses have been requisitioned since 1940 for housing essential workers, evacuated families and families found to be living under insanitary conditions ; 68 of these, being no longer required, have been released, leaving 41 still occupied for the reasons stated.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*

(1) (*a*) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	285
(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose	372
(2) (*a*) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932	7
(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose	7
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	*Nil*
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	56

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	46

3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*

A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	2
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(*a*) By Owners	1
(*b*) By Local Authority in default of Owners	*Nil*

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	12
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
(*a*) By Owners	11
(*b*) By Local Authority in default of Owners	2

c. *Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ... *Nil*

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ... *Nil*

D. *Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936* ... *Nil*

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

(*a*) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 11

(ii) Number of families dwelling therein 13

(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein 76½

(*b*) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year 2

(*c*) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 4

(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases 29

(*d*) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... *Nil*

(*e*) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medlcal Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report ... ... *Nil*

INSPECTION OF FOOD.

See Sanitary Inspector's Report for summary.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

In addition to the usual routine enquiries being made on the occurrence of a case of infectious disease, terminal disinfection was carried out at 140 houses during the year.

Number of School Exclusion Notices sent—65.

Visits in connection with infectious disease—205.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year 410 children were immunised against Diphtheria. the number of children who had previously received treatment was 3,579, making a grand total of 3,979.

The following tables summarise the position in regard to notifiable infectious disease during the year :—

Table I.

Notiafible Disease during the Year, 1943.
(*other than Tuberculosis.*)

Disease.	*Total cases notified.*	*Cases admitted to Hospital.*	*Deaths of notified cases.*
Cerebro-spinal Fever	2	2	0
Diphtheria	12 (3)	9	1
Dysentery	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Erysipelas	5	0	0
Malaria	0	0	0
Measles	408 (28)	3	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	0
Pneumonia	27 (7)	9	6
Polio-myelitis	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1	0
Scarlet Fever	134 (9)	84	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	43 (1)	1	0

Brackets ( ) indicate cases that occurred in institutions and hospitals ; they are included in the totals given.

Table II.

Age in Years of Notified Cases, 1943.

Disease.	*Years*	*0–*	*1–*	*2–*	*3–*	*4–*	*5–*	*10–*	*15–*	*20–*	*35–*	*45–*	*65+*
Cerebro-spinal Fever		–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–
Diphtheria ...	...	–	1	–	1	–	1	–	4	4	1	–	–
Erysipelas ...	...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	3	1
Measles ...	...	5	29	27	33	39	204	47	12	8	3	1	–
Pneumonia ...	...	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	5	2	2	6	10
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–
Scarlet Fever ...	...	–	4	10	5	12	61	22	9	10	1	–	–
Whooping Cough	...	4	4	6	5	3	16	3	–	2	–	–	–

Table III.

List of Infectious Diseases for the Five Years, 1939—1943.

Disease.	*1939*	*1940*	*1941*	*1942*	*1943*
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	7	5	0	2
Diphtheria	38	63	11	6	12
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas	4	17	2	0	5
Malaria	0	0	1	0	0
*Measles	0	145	680	58	408
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	4	1	1	0
Pneumonia	17	21	41	67	27
Polioencephalitis	0	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	4	1	3	1	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	4	0	1	2
Scarlet Fever	52	49	55	106	134
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0
*Whooping Cough	9	12	226	30	43

* *Not notifiable until October, 1939.*

TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment), or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patient to institution), now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease whether the cases have been notified or not during the current year are set out in the table below.

Tuberculosis Table.

Age Periods.	New Cases. *Pulmonary.*		*Non-Pul'y*		Deaths. *Pulmonary.*		*Non-Pul'y.*	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–
1— 5 years ...	–	–	1	3	–	–	–	–
5—15 ,, ...	–	2	1	–	–	–	–	–
15—25 ,, ...	5	2	–	–	2	–	1	–
25—35 ,, ...	3	5	–	2	1	1	–	–
35—45 ,, ...	4	2	–	2	3	–	–	–
45—55 ,, ...	2	1	–	–	1	1	–	–
55—65 ,, ...	–	–	1	1	–	–	1	–
65 and over ...	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1
Totals ...	14	12	3	8	8	3	3	1

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—4 out of 15=26.66%.

LIBRARY